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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GREGORY K. OTTEN

Serial No.: 10/707,228

Filed: November 28, 2003

For: THREADED CONNECTORS FOR  
AXIAL ALIGNMENT OF TUBULAR  
COMPONENTS, AND METHOD OF  
INSTALLING PIPE SECTIONS  
EMPLOYING SUCH CONNECTORS

Group Art Unit: 3679

Examiner: James M. Hewitt

Atty. Dkt. No.: 22.3089

Customer No. 26,932

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 29, 2005**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
37 C.F.R 1.8**

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Date

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Signature

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005, for which the three-month date for response is September 29, 2005.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Grant Prideco Deposit Account No. 18-0584.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.